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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: KOREAN QUESTION

1. SINCE WE PLAN TO REVIEW KOREAN QUESTION LATER THIS WEEK, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE NATURE AND FORM OF THE U.S./ROK POLITICAL INITIATIVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S JUDGMENT BY TELEGRAM JULY 7 ON VARIOUS OTHER ASPECTS OF UNGA STRATEGY.

2. GENERAL COMMITTEE: WHAT IS MISSION'S LATEST ESTIMATE REGARDING GENERAL COMMITTEE? IS THERE ANY POSSIBLE STRATEGY WHICH WOULD SUCCEED IN ACHIEVING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ISSUE BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE? FAILING THIS AND ASSUMING THE COMMITTEE WILL ACCEPT A PRO-NORTH KOREAN ITEM, IS THERE ANY DOUBT THAT A PRO-ROK ITEM CAN BE INSCRIBED? AS CLOSE A CALL AS LAST YEAR?

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3. WITH REGARD TO PRIORITY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST OF CORE GROUP SHARE VIEW THAT WE SHOULD NOT SEEK PRIORITY FOR A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND THAT DOING SO COULD MAKE US APPEAR AS SEEKERS OF CONFRONTATION. DOES MISSION BELIEVE THAT A HOSTILE RESOLUTION CONTAINING CALL FOR PEACE AGREEMENT AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE (AS WELL AS TROOP WITHDRAWAL) CAN, IF ADOPTED, BE FOLLOWED BY VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS ESSENTIALLY SAME REFERENCE TO SUCH ELEMENTS? (PREVIOUS UNGA EXPERIENCE IN WHICH ASSEMBLY HAS REFUSED TO BLOCK VOTE ON COMPETING RESOLUTION MAY NOT APPLY IF COMPETING RESOLUTION DOES NOT HAVE ELEMENTS ABSENT FROM RESOLUTION ALREADY ADOPTED.)
4. HAS MISSION EXAMINED, IN LIGHT OF ITS JUDGMENTS ON FOREGOING TWO SETS OF QUESTIONS, PROSPECTS FOR AMENDING HOSTILE RESOLUTION?
5. CAN MISSION PROVIDE BY DATAFAX VOTING CHART GIVING US ITS BEST ESTIMATE OF HOW PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WOULD VOTE ON (A)LAST YEAR'S HOSTILE RESOLUTION SLIGHTLY ALTERED TO AVOID OBVIOUS EXCLUSION OF ROK FROM PEACE TALKS, AND (B)RESOLUTION NOW BEFORE CORE GROUP. IN PROVIDING THIS ESTIMATE, MISSION SHOULD SHOW WHICH VOTES, IF ANY, ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION MIGHT SHIFT IF HOSTILE RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED. KISSINGER

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